

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS

WHEREAS NOVA SCIENCE LIMITED, a Irish Limited Company, having a place of business at 3010 Lake Drive, Citywest, Dublin 24, Ireland (the “Assignor”) is the owner of the entire right title and interest in and to the Patent and Patent Applications listed in the attached Schedule A and the inventions and improvements described therein;

Whereas, Abbott Vascular Inc, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, having a place of business at 400 Saginaw Drive, Redwood City, CA 94063 (the “Assignee”), desires to purchase and acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said Patents and Patent Applications identified in Schedule A and the inventions and improvements described therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Assignor, the Assignor does hereby sell, assign, grant, transfer and convey to the Assignee, its successors and assigns:

all right, title, and interest in and to said Patents and Patent Applications identified in Schedule A, any inventions and improvements therein disclosed, and any utility models, designs, validations, divisionals, continuations, continuations-in-part, and nonprovisional applications of or claiming priority to any of the preceding, in the United States or countries foreign to the United States, and any other application corresponding or claiming priority to said Patents, Patent Applications, any of the above identified applications, and any United States or foreign Patents issuing from, corresponding to, or claiming priority to said Patents and Patent Applications or any of the preceding applications, and/or any reissues, reexaminations, renewals, or extensions of the preceding;

the right to file and prosecute foreign patent applications corresponding or claiming priority to said Patents and Patent Applications, or any of the preceding application, in its own name, wherever such right may be legally exercised, including the right to claim the benefits of any international convention or treaty for such applications; and

the right to sue for past, present, and/or future infringement of any patent issuing from, corresponding to, or claiming priority to any of the preceding and to collect damages therefor.

The Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and such Patent Office officials in foreign countries as are duly authorized by their patent laws to issue patents, to issue any and all patents on said inventions and improvements disclosed in any of the preceding to the Assignee as the owner of the entire interest, for the sole use and benefit of the said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

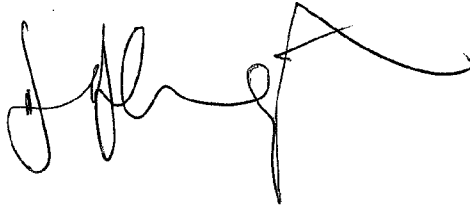
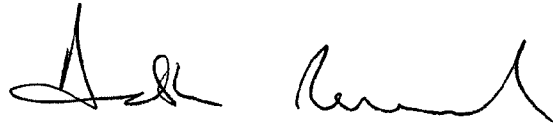
The Assignor hereby further agrees, without further consideration and without expense to Assignor to sign all lawful papers and to perform all other lawful acts which the Assignee may reasonably request of the Assignor to make this Assignment fully effective, including, by way of example but not of limitation, the following:

prompt performance of all other acts and execution of all additional documents reasonably requested by the Assignee or its successors or assigns to further the prosecution, maintenance, enforcement, or recordation of any of said Patents and Patent Applications, and any other preceding application or invention, and the inventions and improvements described therein, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of documents that may be required in the United States or any foreign country; and

cooperation to the best of Assignor's ability in the execution of all lawful documents, the production of evidence, and in any nullification, reissue, extension, or infringement proceedings involving said Patents and Patent Applications and the inventions and improvements described therein, or any other invention and improvement identified in the preceding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Agreement has been duly executed on 21 February 2007


Present when the common seal of
NOVA SCIENCE LIMITED
was affixed hereto

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. H. G.' with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. H. R.' with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Signed on behalf of

ABBOTT VASCULAR INC

By its duly authorized signatory



Mark Weizhaar

SCHEDULE A

NOVA SCIENCE PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS HEREBY ASSIGNED TO ABBOTT LABORATORIES.

Country	Pat. No. or Publication No.	Application No.	Title	Filing Date
#1				
PCT	WO2002019915	PCT/IE01/00115	Device for locating a puncture hole in a liquid-carrying vessel	7-Sep-01
US	6669714	09/949398	Device for locating a puncture hole in a liquid-carrying vessel	7-Sep-01
EP	EP1435842	EP20010967638	Device for locating a puncture hole in a liquid-carrying vessel	7-Sep-01
AU	AU8800601	AU20010088006	Device for locating a puncture hole in a liquid-carrying vessel	
#2				
IE	IE2000/0724	S2000/0724	Surgical staple	8-Sep-00
PCT	WO2002019920	PCT/IE01/0017	Surgical staple	7-Sep-01
AU	AU8800801	AU2001288008	Surgical staple	7-Sep-01
CA	CA2421856	2421856	Surgical staple	7-Sep-01
JP	JP2004508090T	JP2002-524408	Surgical staple	7-Sep-01
EP	EP1294288A1	EP20010967640	Surgical staple	7-Sep-01
IE	S82766	IE20020452	Surgical staple	7-Sep-01
US	6616686	09/949438	Surgical staples and methods for stapling	7-Sep-01
ZA	ZA200100528	2001/0528	Surgical staple	18-Jan-01

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IE	IE20000722A	S2000/0722	Surgical stapler		8-Sep-00
PCT	WO200219922A1	PCT/IE01/00118	Surgical stapler		7-Sep-01
AU	AU8800901	AU2001288009	Surgical Stapler		7-Sep-01
CA	CA2421950	2421950	Surgical Stapler		7-Sep-01
IE	S82464	IE20010000815	Surgical stapler		7-Sep-01
JP	JP2004508092T	2002-524410	Surgical Stapler		7-Sep-01
EP	EP1294289A1	EP20010967641	Surgical stapler		7-Sep-01
US	6582452	09/948813	Surgical stapler		7-Sep-01
US	6926731	10/455768	Surgical stapler		7-Sep-01
US	2005-0216057 A1	11/113549	Surgical stapler		7-Sep-01
ZA	ZA200100527	2001/0527	Surgical stapler		18-Jan-01
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IE	IE200100547		Surgical staple		7-Jun-01
PCT	WO2002098302A1	PCT/IE02/00078	Surgical staple		4-Jun-02
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CA	CA2422231	2422231	Surgical staple		4-Jun-02
EP	EP1333762A1	2735922.3	Surgical staple		4-Jun-02

JP	JP2004520154T	2003-501349	Surgical staple	4-Jun-02
US	7108709	10/240183	Surgical staple	4-Jun-02
US	2005-267530 A1	11/152562	Surgical staple	4-Jun-02
US	2007-0010854A1	11/532576	Surgical staple	4-Jun-02
US		10/162534	Surgical staple	
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IE	S2001/0749		Surgical stapling device	9-Aug-01
IE	S2002/0664	S82834	Surgical stapling device	8-Aug-02
PCT	WO2003013364A1	PCT/IE02/000119	Surgical stapling device	8-Aug-02
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IE	IE20020665 A2	S82887	Surgical stapling device and method	8-Aug-02
PCT	WO2003013363 A1	PCT/IE03/00118	Surgical stapling device and method	8-Aug-02

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CA	CA2456811	2456811		Surgical stapling device and method	8-Aug-02
EP	EP 1416856B8	2762736.3		Surgical stapling device and method	
AT	AT311147T			Surgical stapling device and method	
DE	DE60207728D			Surgical stapling device and method	
JP	JP2003518381	JP2001-548674		Surgical stapling device and method	18-Dec-02
JP	JP2004537363T	JP2003-518381		Surgical stapling device and method	8-Aug-03
US	7008435	10/486070		Surgical stapling device and method	8-Aug-02
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IE	IE20020451	S2002/0451		Blood vessel closure clip and delivery device	4-Jun-02
IE	S83188	S2003/0424		Blood vessel closure clip and delivery device	4-Jun-03
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AU	AU2003238642			Blood vessel closure clip and delivery device	4-Jun-03
CA	CA2488688	2488688		Blood vessel closure clip and delivery device	4-Jun-03
EP	1513453A1	3732982.8		Blood vessel closure clip and delivery device	
JP	JP2005528161T	2004-508673		Blood vessel closure clip and delivery device	4-Jun-03
US	20050234508A1	10/517004		Blood vessel closure clip and delivery device	4-Jun-03
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IE	IE20020552	S2002/552	Surgical stapling device	3-Jul-02
IE	S83252	S2003/0490	Surgical stapling device	1-Jul-03
PCT	WO2004004578A1	PCT/IE03/00100	Surgical stapling device	1-Jul-03
AU	AU2003249547A1		Surgical stapling device	1-Jul-03
CA	CA2490581A1	2490581	Surgical stapling device	1-Jul-03
US	7111768	10/519778	Surgical stapling device	1-Jul-03
JP	JP2005532143T T	2004-562030	Surgical stapling device	1-Jul-03
EP	EP1646320A1	EP20030762855	Surgical stapling device	1-Jul-03
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IE	S84177	IE20050342	Surgical stapler	25-May-05
PCT	WO2005115251A1		Surgical stapler	25-May-05
US	20050274768A1	10/908721	Surgical stapler	25-May-05